

**WILLIAMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION #12
Monday, July 19, 2004**

A work session of the Williamsburg Planning Commission was held on Monday, July 19, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in Conference Room 3A, Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Present were Commissioners Young, Pons, Hertzler, McBeth, and Rose. Absent were Commissioners Friend and Smith. Also present were Planning Director and Zoning Administrator Murphy.

Mr. Young called the meeting to order.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke in the open forum.

WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC FORUM DATES

The following dates were scheduled for September and October:

- September 6, 6:30 p.m., Work Session - Population and Economic Analysis prepared by Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- September 13, 3:30 p.m., Work Session, Discussion of Transportation Issues
- September 23, 6:30 p.m., Richmond Road Neighborhood Focus Area Public Forum, Community Building
- September 29, 6:30 p.m., Jamestown Road Neighborhood Focus Area Public Forum, Community Building
- October 4, 4:00 p.m., Work Session - Discuss public facilities with City Department Heads
- October 13, 6:30 p.m. - Center City Area Public Forum, Community Building
- October 19, 6:30 p.m. - Commercial Corridors Public Forum, Community Building
- October 25, 3:30 p.m., Work Session - Commercial and Economic Development Issues

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Discussion continued on the draft of the Goals and Objectives.

I. Character of the City

Mr. Hertzler said that we need to be clearer about what we want to do. Mr. Rose suggested creating action steps with a timetable. Mr. Nester suggested that the implementation chapter at the end of the plan could follow the goals format, and this was generally agreed to by the Commission. Mr. Pons said that the City needs to put itself in more of a leadership position and be more assertive.

II. Economy

Mr. Pons suggested adding Sentara and Riverside to the list of agencies mentioned. Mr. Rose said that he is looking for a blueprint for the City economy in five years. Mr. Pons said that the City needs more aggressive economic development.

III. Neighborhoods and Housing

Mr. Hertzler said we should be more specific on the percentage of owner occupants. Mr. Young noted that the percentage varies throughout the City. Mr. Pons said that other types of housing are needed to help preserve existing neighborhoods. Mrs. McBeth asked what we can do to encourage owner occupancy, such as differential tax rates for rental housing.

IV. Transportation

Mr. Hertzler said that residential cut-through traffic should be discouraged. Mr. Pons said that the quality of curbs, gutter and pavement needs to be enhanced.

V. Public Safety

It was asked if the High Street fire station location was too specific.

VI. Education and Human Services

No comments.

VII. Recreation and Culture

Mr. Hertzler asked if we needed to look at the quantity of facilities in the City.

VIII. Environmental Services

No comment.

Mr. Nester briefly reviewed residential density issues throughout the City.

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No one spoke in the open forum.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jesse Young, Chairman
Williamsburg Planning Commission